

Appl. No. 10/681,497  
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Reply to Office action of April 5, 2006

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please amend paragraph [0014] as follows:**

[0014] The exact particle size of the boron-containing fungicide is not critical, but the material must be of a size that can be dispersed uniformly throughout the lignocellulosic thermoplastic composite. Generally a mean particle size as large as 150 microns and as small as 1 micron can be used. For best results the mean particle size should be in the range of 40 microns to 5 microns.

**Please amend paragraph [0015] as follows:**

[0015] The amount of boron-containing fungicide incorporated into the lignocellulosic thermoplastic composite will depend on the lignocellulosic content, the longevity desired and the anticipated exposure to moisture. In general, when resistance to decay caused by fungus is required, a range of about 0.2 to 5 percent by weight of the fungicide is required. The preferred amount is about 0.3 to 2 percent.

**Please amend paragraph [0016] to restore it to the original Specification wording as follows:**

[0016] When resistance to visual impairment to the surface caused by mold is required, the amount will be in the range of about 2 to 12 percent. The preferred amount is about 3 to 5 percent.